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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - UNREST IN PAKISTAN

**LEAD STORIES:** Two leading national papers front-paged plans by the UN Security Council to adopt a new resolution embracing the US-led maritime security operation in the Indian Ocean at Japan's prodding.

"Turmoil over Idea of Musharraf Relinquishing Top Army Post" Islamabad correspondent Sato of the top-circulation, moderate Yomiuri wrote (9/19):  
"Pakistani President Musharraf has hinted through his attorney at the possibility of giving up his post of Army chief of staff if he is reelected president later this month. The move is meant to serve as a concession to the opposition bloc, which has been critical of the fact that Musharraf has held the two key portfolios simultaneously. The opposition camp, however, is determined to call on Musharraf to give up his Army position prior to the election. In view of the intensified strife between Musharraf and the opposition and his weakening grip on power, the uncertainty surrounding Pakistan is bound to increase....  
Musharraf's intention can be interpreted as an expression of his determination never to give up his true source of power unless his reelection is assured.  
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